

It reminded me of the first leader of my party, Keir Hardy, in the early part of the 20th century. He was a man who used to correspond with the Pankhursts, the great campaigners for women's votes. Shortly before the election in June, 1913, one of the Pankhurst sisters wrote Hardy saying she had been studying Britain carefully, and there was a worrying rise in sexual immorality linked to heavy drinking. So she suggested he fight the election on the platform of votes for women, chastity for men, and prohibition for all. He replied saying, "Thank you for your advice, the electoral benefits of which are not immediately discernible." We all get that kind of advice.

But, frankly, we need to go beyond even Kyoto; and science and technology is the way. Climate change, deforestation, and the voracious drain on natural resources cannot be ignored. Unchecked, these forces will hinder the economic development of the most vulnerable nations first and, ultimately, all nations. We must show the world that we are willing to step up to these challenges around the world and in our own backyards.

Members of Congress, if this seems a long way from the threat of terror and weapons of mass destruction, it is only to say again that the world's security cannot be protected without the world's heart being won. So America must listen as well as lead, but Members of Congress, do not ever apologize for your values. Tell the world why you are proud of America. Tell them when the "Star Spangled Banner" starts, Americans get to their feet: Hispanics, Irish, Italians, Central Europeans, East Europeans, Jews, Muslims, white, Asian, black, those who go back to the early settlers and those whose English is the same as some New York cab drivers I have dealt with but whose sons and daughters could run for Congress. Tell them why Americans, one and all, stand upright and respectful, not because some State official told them to but because whatever race, color, class, or creed they are, being American means being free. That is what makes them proud.

As Britain knows, all predominant power seems for a time invincible, but in fact it is transient. The question is: What do you leave behind? What you can bequeath to this anxious world is the light of liberty. That is what this struggle against terrorist groups or states is about. We are not fighting for domination. We are not fighting for an American world, though we want a world in which America is at ease. We are not fighting for Christianity, but against religious fanaticism of all kinds.

This is not a war of civilizations, because each civilization has a unique capacity to enrich the stock of human heritage. We are fighting for the inalienable right of humankind, black or white, Christian or not, left, right or merely indifferent, to be free; free to raise a family in love and hope; free to

earn a living and be rewarded by your own efforts; free not to bend your knee to any man in fear; free to be you so long as being you does not impair the freedom of others. That is what we are fighting for, and that is a battle worth fighting.

I know it is hard on America. And in some small corner of this vast country out in Nevada or Idaho, these places I have never been to but have always wanted to go, I know out there is a guy getting on with his life, perfectly happily, minding his own business, saying to you, the political leaders of this country, why me and why us and why America?

The only answer is because destiny put you in this place in history in this moment in time, and the task is yours to do.

And our job, my nation that watched you grow, that you have fought alongside and now fights alongside you, that takes enormous pride in our alliance and great affection in our common bond, our job is to be there with you.

You are not going to be alone. We will be with you in this fight for liberty. We will be with you in this fight for liberty; and if our spirit is right, and our courage firm, the world will be with us. Thank you.

[Applause, Members rising.]

At 4 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m., the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, accompanied by the committee of escort, retired from the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms escorted the invited guests from the Chamber in the following order:

The Members of the President's Cabinet;

The Acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.

JOINT MEETING DISSOLVED

The SPEAKER. The purpose of the joint meeting having been completed, the Chair declares the joint meeting of the two Houses now dissolved.

Accordingly, at 4 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m., the joint meeting of the two Houses was dissolved.

The Members of the Senate retired to their Chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The House will continue in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BONILLA) at 5 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.

PRINTING OF PROCEEDINGS HAD DURING THE RECESS

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the pro-

ceedings had during the recess be printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BONILLA). Pursuant to House Resolution 319 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2691.

□ 1732

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2691) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes, with Mr. LATOURETTE in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, the amendment by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SHADEGG) had been disposed of and the reading of the bill had progressed through page 154 line 13.

AMENDMENT NO. 9 OFFERED BY MR. UDALL OF NEW MEXICO

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 9 offered by Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

Add at the end (before the short title) the following new section:

SEC. _____. None of the funds appropriated or made available by this Act may be used to finalize or implement the proposed revisions to subpart A of part 219 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, relating to National Forest System Planning for Land and Resource Management Plans, as described in the proposed rule published in the Federal Register on December 6, 2002 (67 Fed. Reg. 72770).

The CHAIRMAN. Points of order are reserved.

Pursuant to the previous order of the House of today, the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) will control 15 minutes. The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. TAYLOR) will control 25 minutes. The gentleman from Washington (Mr. DICKS) will control 15 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL).

(Mr. UDALL of New Mexico asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I rise today to offer an amendment to protect our national forests and ensure that they continue to